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Lomond Wins Big End of Money at Enchnnt

The Enchant celebration July 1st. was a phenomenal success, at least from the standpoint of attendance. The day was comfortably cool and the attendance was representative of a large radius of territory. Some disappointment was manifest over the absence of H. W. Wood, though Mr. Flett gave a very interesting address.

The affair was well managed and the accommodations on the grounds were quite satisfactory.

The Lomond Band provided music on the grounds, while the Carmangay Orchestra played for the dance.

The age of wonders is not at an end. For instance, Lomond won the big end of the purse at the Enchant base ball tournament by defeating Retlaw 26-5 and Travers 24-8.

The first game, with Retlaw was an entire farce. With the exception of the first couple of innings Stewart Ward pitched, and with very competent support in the field found it an easy matter to deal with his opponents. Lomond appeared to be playing under a lucky star while the opponents fumbled every thing that did give them a chance for an advantage.

The second game between Travers and Enchant was as much a surprise as the final outcome. Enchant entered the field full of confidence, with a record of seven winning games behind them. Travers batted everything in sight and the game developed into a straight give-away. For all of that, this game was the best exhibition of three from the spectator's point of view.

The final final game being called at 6:30 was looked upon to be a good toss-up. Enchant had already beaten Lomond twice and it was held that if Lomond could not spring anything better than their past record, Travers should take home the long end of the purse. Elmer Thompson went in the box and Travers could not make much of him. At one stage of the game it was a clear whitewash of 16-0. A break was made one innings and by the finish eight runs were scored against the twenty-four.

There is one thing we will say for the tournament, is that all the teams stuck to amateur ball and played their own men.

Lomond has the makin's of a good pitching staff right at home, and it is the most commendable policy to use this class of material.

The first of July pretty well demoralized base ball circles along the line. Lomond defaulted Thursday's game to Retlaw, while Enchant defaulted to Travers. Enchant is losing some of

its players, the boys pulling out on account of the drouth. Retlaw has never had a real team of its own this year, but Travers and Lomond should be very little affected, as they are both playing pretty much permanent resident men.

Installations

D.D.G.M. Vern Davies conducted the installation exercises at the I.O.O.F. Lodge on Thursday evening.

N. G., W. B. Manning.
V. G., W. H. Smith.
R. S., H. F. Thompson.
F. S., A. W. Tulloch.
Treasurer, R. N. Moir.
Warden, N. Holden.
Conductor, Elvin Benson.
Chaplain, D. Williams.
R.S.N.G., I. Magnusson.
L.S.N.G., Geo. Hedges.
R.S.V.G., Paul Sokvitne.
L.S.V.G., M. LaFontaine.
R.S.S., H. Finley.
L.S.S., P. Keck.
I. G., Clarence Earle.
O. G., Jens Sokvitne.

Sister Williamson, D.D.G.P., officiated as installing officer at the Rebekah Lodge.

N. G., Sister Olson.
V. G., Sister Manning.
R.S.-F.S., Sister Smith.
Treasurer, Sister Erskine.
Warden, Sister Phillips.
Chaplain, Sister Finley.
Conductor, Sister Davies.
R.S.N.G., Sister Williams.
L.S.N.G., Sister Erskine.
R.S.V.G., Sister Benson.
L.S.V.G., Sister LaFontaine.
I. G., Sister Holden.
O. G., Sister Dawson.
W. M. Armstrong was appointed as degree master.

Among the many from here attending the Calgary Fair are the Misses Nickerson, Bell, Perkins, Lane and Erskine, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Willard, J. R. McKay, J. C. Jensen, Elmer Jensen and Freddie Jensen, Mr. W. J. Clements, Jens and Paul Sokvitne, Jas. Mapson, E. R. Barnett, Geo. Mullen, Mr. and Mrs. F.O. Cox, Father Daimery, George Porter.

The signing of the peace treaty which was accomplished last Saturday, has let loose many of the bonds that have been tying down industrial expansion. It is expected that labor troubles will gradually diminish as production increases.

Counter Check Books at

The Press Office

LOCALETS

You must remember that Thursday, July 17th., is the Travers sports day.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tulloch were in Lethbridge over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith are among the Lomond people visiting Calgary this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Magnusson and Mr. and Mrs. Imslund motored to Cayley, Carmangay, and Claresholm this week.

Hardy Anderberg, Chas. McFarlane and Chas. Choerane returned from overseas last week.

Mrs. L.H. Phillips and Lawrence and Gladys are attending the Calgary Fair this week.

Mr. Turner who has been at front almost from the beginning of the war was returned recently.

The officers and members of the U.F.W.A. extend a cordial invitation to all returned soldiers to be present at their third annual picnic to be held at the home of Mrs. Howard Finley on Wednesday, July 9th.

G.H. Ficht and Mr. Turner are proudly exhibiting some snaps of a bob-cat which they killed just north of Loren Whipples farm.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Little have been visiting relatives and friends at Champion last week returning Wednesday.

Alf. Holden while up at the Calgary Fair had his car stolen, and when the police found it for him it was minus the radiator and hood.

Mr. and Mrs. St. John accompanied by O. C. Barber were up to the Fair from Sunday till after the holiday.

Irvine Coldren has sold his farm, east of Lomond, to a Mr. Dugaard.

Mr. Stanley, the newly appointed manager for the Bank of Hamilton at Lomond, came across from Vulcan on Thursday, Mr. Trail and Mr. Naismith driving through this way on their road to Carmangay.

Two or three pleasant little showers have served to aggravate us on the drouth situation. St. John has a formula for a real rain on the 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mitchell, W. A. Teskey and Willie drove up to the Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Hughes and little daughter have gone to Ontario on a little holiday trip. Mr. Morrison of Lethbridge is looking after the drug store while they are away.

The new grader for the municipal district came in on Tuesday, and with the assistance of about twenty volunteer mechanics was speedily made ready for business—and there is lots of work to be done around here with it, too.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Tibert are over from Barons for a couple of days, coming in time for the Rebekah installation.

Amethyst people are picnicking on the banks of the Bow River today.

Jos. Smith, who has been very ill since going East last fall on a holiday trip, returned to Lomond on the Tuesday train. He was accompanied home by his daughter, Mrs. Elliott.

H. E. Elves celebrated a reunion with four of his brothers one day last week at his home in Lomond. H. E. is now away to Calgary and Edmonton.

Twenth-three returned veterans attended the meeting held at the Lomond post office last Saturday evening. A petition for a charter was forwarded to the central organization.

J. Dumka of Travers while at the Calgary Fair had his pocket picked of \$250 cash and a \$200 Victory Bond.

I.H.C. Still a' "Carrying On"

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Lomond

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Following are the promotions in the First Chance School for the term just ended:—

Grade V to VI: Beatrice Holmes 68, Aloysius McAllister 68, Alma Durand 61, Eric Burton 58.

Grade IV: Pauline Foisia, has yet to complete her exams.

Grade III to IV: Pauline 68, Rolly Holmes 69, Annie Teasdale 68, Lawrence Durand 68.

Grade I to II: Eva Chambers 92, Roy Armstrong 88, Tommy Teasdale 87, Esther Durand 82, Irene Sivertson 80, Florence Trew 78.

Primary to Grade 1: Marion Holmes 78, Jack Teasdale 75, Anna Shellenbarger 68, Merle Sheilenbarger 65.

At the closing of school on Friday the kiddies were given an ice cream feed. Miss Elliott, the teacher, left this week for Lethbridge and Drumheller.

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Mrs. B. King is again very ill with the eyresipelas.

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A number living in the municipal district are working short shifts on the roads.

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Mrs. Stanley Trew has returned to Lethbridge after spending a month's holidays here.

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Quite a few from here are finding good fishing over at Lake Newell.

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Billy Boone is developing into an inveterate well digger. S. A. Trew and D. A. Wilkinson think they have at

last struck a flow of water in a new hole just dug.

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Tom Armstrong is badly incapacitated by the return of blood poison in his arm.

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Floyd Thompson, Donald McAllister and Irene McAllister are writing on their examinations in Lomond this week.

The preliminary hearing of Roy T. Albertson adjourned from Monday night till Wednesday afternoon, took place at the police barracks at Lomond. Evidence for the prosecution was taken only from Ben Parker, who had bought cattle from the accused as unbranded and later showed brands. The cattle are purported to be the property of a rancher by the name of Jones, who laid the charge. Accused asked for additional adjournment on Wednesday for the purpose of securing evidence for defence, but, as he had refused to accept this privilege on the first hearing on Monday evening the J. P. ordered the case to proceed. Accused declined to give evidence or make any statement and was committed for trial at Lethbridge. Bail is being arranged.

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LOMOND, ALBERTA, JULY 4, 1919

NOTES

Mr. Flett, who spoke at Enchant celebration in the absence of H. W. Wood, delivered some pointed political truths that might well be assimilated. He stated that the present government in Canada was a direct reflection of the people themselves. The present state of affairs was brought about by the flagrant disregard of the people of their obligations of citizenship, and not until the people awaken to a proper realization of the sacredness of the franchise can they expect any marked reform.

Further, his remarks on the Canadian government's system of taxation were illustrative of the fact that Canada is away behind in her methods and that capital is not bearing a fair nor comparative share of the burden. People should get the facts and study them out for themselves.

We don't want charity! We hate even the idea of government relief. But something has got to be done to avert suffering in Southern Alberta.

There is a way out for this immediate district if matters

could only be headed for a climax. The government might authorize the extension of the Lomond to Blackie railway and do the grading this fall. This would circulate a good many thousands of dollars if the grading was pretty well confined to local settlers. Even if only the government grant per mileage was spent, it would be sufficient unto the cause thereof.

It is up to the municipalities and other organizations to dig right in and fight the thing through before it gets too late in the season.

"Jack Canuck" accuses the farmer of being a rank profiteer, but we have failed to see any marked individual cases. The farmer sells very little of his produce direct to the consumer, and wheat has got to be more than \$2 a bushel to give him an excessive margin of profit. Profiteering comes in between the producer and consumer and inflates the value for no other cause than financial gain.

It's a cinch the editor of "Jack Canuck" never tried farming in Southern Alberta.

Local shoe dealers have little respect for the veracity of the president of the Ames-Holden-McCready shoe company in his remarks before the H.C.L. investigation committee. There is a strong suspicion that he was looking through the big end of a telescope when talking about the profits of the concern.

The Willard-Dempsey fight lasted but three rounds and was easy pickin's for Dempsey. We'd even take a chance at getting knocked out at a hundred thousand sure money.

Haz Smith is all fussed up over the baby Overland on display at the Calgary. He claims it to be a go-gitter.

Hugh McIntosh is away up to the Edmonton country in search of a hay location.

The Associated Farmers Ltd. semi-annual meeting is billed for the 16th.

Mrs. Annie Armstrong has turned over her building to a Jap, who will open a restaurant and confectionery.

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Lomond

Irrigation Men to Meet at Medicine Hat

The arrangements for the convention of the Western Canada Irrigation Association at Medicine Hat Alberta, August 4th, 5th, and 6th, are now nearly completed. Judging from the interest that is being shown in the convention not only among farmers in Alberta, and the adjoining Provinces of Saskatchewan and British Columbia but in the United States, it will be the most successful in the history of the Association.

Those who have promised to be present and probably address the meeting include His Honor Lieut. Governor Brett the Hon. A. C. Dunning, Minister of Agriculture of Saskatchewan, the D.T. Patullo, Minister of Lands in the British Columbia Government, H. W. Wood, President of the United Farmers of Alberta, Col. J. S. Dennis, Dr. Samuel Fortier, Chief of the Irrigation Division United States Department of Agriculture.

A feature of the convention this year will be a visit to the model farm of the Canada Land and Irrigation Company at Ronaland. This Company is chartering a special train to convey the delegates and their friends from Medicine Hat to Roland and back. At the farm there will be a practical demonstration given of farming under irrigation. Actual field operations will be conducted in respect to the preparation of land for different methods of irrigation. Afterwards the purposes for which the various implements are used will be

discussed, as well as the comparative yield of crops under different applications of water, crop values and stock raising as a means of marketing farm products.

Practical subjects will be discussed by practical men on subjects of interest to farmers generally and irrigationists in particular. They include such topics as "Increasing Profits with the Silo" on which Mr. G. H. Hutton and Sydney Carlyle will speak; Live Stock and the Irrigated Farm, which will probably be dealt with by Professor W. L. Carlyle of Calgary; Commercial Seed Growing; Profitable Irrigation Crops; Trees on the Farm; the Economic Phase of Irrigation, and many other subjects.

A strong local board of control under the presidency of Mr. E. L. Chudleigh, President of the Medicine Hat Board of Trade, has been appointed to look after the local arrangements and preparations are being made to receive and entertain a large number of visitors.

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Notice!

Semi - Annual Meeting - July 16th.

Notice is hereby given that the regular semi-annual meeting of the shareholders of the Associated Farmers Limited will be held in the I.O.O.F. Hall, Lomond, on Wednesday afternoon, July 16th., commencing at 2 o'clock. All shareholders are urged to be present. Business: consideration of by-laws and general administration of the association's affairs.

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Municipal District Voters' List

Prior to the year 1917 the right to vote at an election for Councillors for a Municipal District was limited to the parties who were assessed for land. In the year 1917, however, the right to vote for Councillors was extended to include the wives, husbands, sons, and daughters of the persons assessed, provided such wives, husbands, sons, and daughters were twenty one years of age and resident within the boundaries of Municipality. It was felt that the relatives of the owners or occupants of land were by their industry assisting both directly and indirectly in the progress and work of the Municipality and therefore it seemed only fair that they should have a right to say who they wished to carry on the business in the Municipality.

The amendment of the Act, however, which made provisions for these parties voting, placed upon the Secretary-Treasurer the burden of finding out who the parties were that were entitled to vote because of the relation to persons who were assessed, and of entering their names on the Voters' List. It was found that it was impossible for a Secretary-Treasurer without a great amount of labour to make a complete list of these people. For example, sons and daughters of persons assessed are

entitled to have their names placed on the Voters' List when they become twenty-one years of age, and when the Secretary-Treasurer was required to make the list it was absolutely impossible for him to do so properly without making a canvass of the entire District each year, inquiring as to when these parties became of age, and also as to whether or not they were resident in the Municipality. This being the case it was felt to be unfair that such a burden should be placed upon the official, therefore, at the last session of the Legislature, the Hon. A. G. McKay, Minister of Municipal Affairs, introduced an amendment which has now become a law, requiring all persons who were entitled to vote at an election for Councillors, because of their being wives, husbands, sons, or daughters of persons assessed, to register their names with the Secretary-Treasurer.

All persons entitled to vote because of their relationship to a person assessed must make application to have their names placed on the Voters' List in due time otherwise they will not be able to vote at the election for Councillors. Such application must be made to the Secretary-Treasurer sometime between November 1st and December 31st, both inclusive of each year, during the usual office hours. Application may be made in person or it may be made through the party on account of whose assessment an applicant claims the right to vote. All persons who are of the

opinion they have a right to vote under this provision should therefore make application to have their name placed on the Voters list in due time, so that they may be able to cast their ballots at the next election for Municipal District Councillors.

Another amendment to the provisions of the Municipal District Act in connection with the Voters' List should be noted. That is an amendment to section 88 of the Municipal District Act, which requires a copy of the Voters' List to be posted up at some central place in each polling division in the District. As the Act formerly stood, it only required that there should be a copy of the Voters' List posted in the Secretary-Treasurer's office. This was inconvenient, because it frequently meant a special trip of quite a few miles, if an elector wanted to find out whether or not his name was on the Voters' List.

Unless the business of a Municipality is controlled by an active and intelligent public opinion, there cannot be the results there should be from our Municipal Organizations. With the widening of the franchise and the making of additional provision whereby parties entitled to vote may make sure that their names are on the Voters' List, there will be an incentive to greater interest being taken in Municipal matters, as one of the weak spots in rural Municipal Organization in the past has been the lack of interest on the part of majority of the electors as to whom should be elected Councillors.

Betting on the weather is getting to be stale sport. There is one safe bet, and that is the fact of the dryness. Even the action of the Senate cannot arouse the people from the effects of the drouth.

Municipal District of Clifton No. 127

NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT

NOTICE is hereby given under section 210 of the Rural Municipality Act that the undermentioned animals have been impounded in the pound kept by the undersigned on the E ½ of Sec. 2, Twp. 16, Rge. 20, W. M. 4.

June 8th.—Brood mare with yearling mare colt following, also a two-year-old gelding. Brood mare has brand on right shoulder X (letters connected, a bar) X buckskins.

June 8th.—Dark iron grey two-year-old mare, no brand.

June 8th.—Aged roan mare, brand on right shoulder apparently X also branded on left thigh Y5 W

*Dated at Lomond this 27th. day of June, 1919.

J. R. MCKAY, Poundkeeper.

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O. Henry Stories

XI.—A Technical Error.

By O. HENRY

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NEVER cared especially for feuds, believing them to be even more overrated products of our country than grapefruit, scrapple or honeymoons. Nevertheless, if I may be allowed, I will tell you of an Indian Territory feud of which I was press agent, camp follower and accessory during the fact.

I was on a visit to Sam Durkee's ranch, where I had a great time falling off unmanicured ponies and waving my bare hand at the lower jaws of wolves about two miles away. Sam was a hardened person of about twenty-five, with a reputation for going home in the dark with perfect equanimity, though often with reluctance. Over in the Creek nation was a family bearing the name of Tatum. I was told that the Durkees and Tatums had been feuding for years. Several of each family had bitten the grass, and it was expected that more Nebuchadnezzars would follow. A younger generation of each family was growing up, and the grass was keeping pace with them. But I gathered that they had fought fairly; that they had not lain in cornfields and aimed at the division of their enemies' suspenders in the back—partly, perhaps, because there were no cornfields, and nobody wore more than one suspender. Nor had any woman or child of either house ever been harmed.

Sam Durkee had a girl. Her name was Ella Baynes. They appeared to be devoted to each other and to have perfect confidence in each other, as all couples do who are and have or aren't and haven't. She was tolerably pretty, with a heavy mass of brown hair that helped her along. He introduced me to her, which seemed not to lessen her preference for him, so I reasoned that they were surely soul mates.

Miss Baynes lived in Kingfisher, twenty miles from the ranch. Sam lived on a gallop between the two places.

One day there came to Kingfisher a courageous young man, rather small, with smooth face and regular features. He made many inquiries about the business of the town and especially of the inhabitants cognominally. He said he was from Muscogee, and he looked at me with his yellow shoes and crocheted four-in-hand. I met him once when I rode in for the mail. He said his name was Beverly Travers, which seemed rather improbable.

One day when I was messenger for half a gross of cigarette papers and a couple of wagon tires I saw the alleged Beverly Travers in a yellow wheeled buggy with Ella Baynes, driving about town as ostentatiously as the black, waxy mud would permit. I knew that this information would bring no balm of Gilead to Sam's soul, so I refrained from including it in the news of the city that I retailed on my return. But on the next afternoon an elongated ex-cowboy of the name of Simmons, an old time pal of Sam's, who kept a feed store in Kingfisher, rode out to the ranch and rolled and burned many cigarettes before he would talk. When

he did make oration his words were these:

"Sam, say, there's been a description of a galoot miscallin' himself Bevel Edged Travels impaling the atmospheric air of Kingfisher for the past two weeks. You know who he was? He was not otherwise than Ben Tatum, from the Creek Nation, son of old Gopher Tatum that your Uncle Newt shot last February. You know what he done this morning? He killed your brother Lester—shot him in the cothouse yard."

I wondered if Sam had heard. He pulled a twig from a mesquite bush, chewed it a moment and said:

"He did, did he? He killed Lester?" "The same," said Simmons. "And he did more. He run away with your girl, the same as to say Miss Ella Baynes. I thought you might like to know, so I rode out to impart the information."

"I am much obliged, Jim," said Sam, taking the chewed twig from his mouth. "Yes, I'm glad you rode out. Yes, I'm right glad."

"Well, I'll be ridin' back, I reckon. That boy I left in the feed store don't know hay from oats. He shot Lester in the back."

"Shot him in the back."

"Yes, while he was bitchin' his hoss."

"And you say—"

"Yes, Sam. Everybody seen 'em drive away together in a buckboard, with a big bundle, like clothes, tied up in the back of it. He was drivin' the team he brought over with him from Muscogee. They'll be hard to overtake right away."

"And which—"

"I was goin' on to tell you. They left on the Guthrie road. But there's no tellin' which forks they'll take—you know that."

"All right, Jim. Much obliged."

"You're welcome, Sam."

Simmons rolled a cigarette and stabbed his pony with both heels. Twenty yards away he reined up and called back:

"You don't want no—assistance, as you might say?"

"Not any, thanks."

"I didn't think you would. Well, so long!"

Sam took out and opened a bone handled pocketknife and scraped a dried piece of mud from his left boot. I thought at first he was going to swear a vendetta on the blade of it or recite "The Gypsy's Curse." The few feuds I had ever seen or read about usually opened that way. This one seemed to be presented with a new treatment. Thus offered on the stage it would have been hissed off.

"I wonder," said Sam, with a profoundly thoughtful expression, "if the cook has any cold beans left over!"

He called Wash, the negro cook, and, finding that he had some, ordered him to heat up the pot and make some strong coffee. Then we went into Sam's private room, where he slept and kept his armory, dogs and the saddles of his favorite mounts. He took three or four six-shooters out of a bookcase and began to look them over, whistling "The Cowboy's Lament" abstractedly. Afterward he ordered the two best horses on the ranch saddled and tied to the hitching post.

Now, in the feud business in all sections of the country I have observed that in one particular there is a delicate but strict etiquette belonging. You must not mention the word or refer to the subject in the presence of a feudist. It would be more reprehensible than commenting upon the mole on the chin of your rich aunt.

It yet lacked two hours to supper time, but in twenty minutes Sam and I were plunging deep into the reheated beans, hot coffee and cold beef.

"Nothing like a good meal before a long ride," said Sam. "Eat hearty."

I had a sudden suspicion.

"Why did you have two horses saddled?" I asked.

"One, two—one, two," said Sam.

"You can count, can't you?"

His mathematics carried with it a momentary qualm and a lesson. The thought had not occurred to him that



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the thought could possibly occur to me not to ride at his side on that red

road to revenge and justice. It was the higher calculus. I was booked for the trail. I began to eat more beans.

In an hour we set forth at a steady gallop eastward. Our horses were Kentucky bred, strengthened by the mesquite grass of the west.

I knew that Ben Tatum's card to play was flight—flight until he came within the safer territory of his own henchmen and supporters. He knew that the man pursuing him would follow the trail to any end where it might lead.

During the ride Sam talked of the prospect for rain, of the price of beef, and of the musical glasses. You would have thought he had never had a brother or a sweetheart or an enemy on earth. There are some subjects too big even for the words in the "Unabridged." Knowing this phase of the feud code, but not having practiced it sufficiently I overdid the thing by telling some slightly funny anecdotes. Sam laughed at exactly the right place—laughed with his mouth. When I caught sight of his mouth I wished I had been blessed with enough sense of humor to have suppressed those anecdotes.

Our first sight of them we had in Guthrie. Tired and hungry, we stumbled, unwashed, into a little yellow pine hotel and sat at a table. In the opposite corner we saw the fugitives. They were bent upon their meal, but looked around at times uneasily.

The girl was dressed in brown—one of these smooth, half shiny, silky looking affairs with lace collar and cuffs and what I believe they call an accordion plaited skirt. She wore a thick brown veil down to her nose and a broad brimmed straw hat with some kind of feathers adorning it. The man wore plain, dark clothes, and his hair

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Vulcan, no free-for-all fights were
staged as an added attraction.

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Sapper A. C. Galbraith has returned
from overseas and was out here last
week with his brother.

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Wray Beagle's and Bert Snyder's
are going up to the foothills on a fish-
ing trip.

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E. E. Saunders and family are spend-
ing a week or two at Okotoks, Calgary
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